

JDAI State Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 12/13/21

- **Members in Attendance**

- Cindy Heiberger
- Justice Scott Myren
- Rebecca Kiesow-Knudson
- Kristi Bunkers
- Tamie McMeekin
- Tom Stanage
- Brain Mueller
- Tanner Jordahl
- Chad Seidel
- Brad Howell
- Tim Johns
- Cynthia Mickelson
- Erik Bringswhite
- Terry Dosch
- Eric Meyer
- Sara Sheppick
- Don Kettering
- Chuck Freiberg
- Judge Karen Jeffries
- Jim Miskimins

- **Members Not in Attendance**

- Judge Carmen Means
- Joanna Lawler
- Jess Olson
- Sarah Morrison

- **Others in Attendance**

- Louis Canfield
- Kelsi Vinger
- Karlee Chapin
- Alec Martin
- Katie Buschbach
- Kia Kronaizl
- Erin Srstka
- Liz Hassett
- Erinn Thomas
- Chelsea Lang
- Jason Leach

➤ **Welcome and Introductions:**

- Cindy Heiberger - introduction and review of agenda
- Member and non-Member introductions

➤ **Diversion Successes across the state**

- Truancy is one of the highest referral offenses
 - Kids Count is working on creating a policy brief
 - Data points from 2017 - 2021 show a dramatic decrease in truancy petitions in JDAI counties
 - Cynthia Mickelson stated Minnehaha had to stop taking truancy referrals last year
 - Racial breakdown of truancy petitions from 2017 - 2021 show and overrepresentation of Native American youth, however that trend is decreasing
 - Black youth are increasing
 - Davison County utilizes alternative school to provide kids with flexible education to reduce truancy rates
- Felony petition data
 - JDAI sites are not compromising public safety
 - Data shows greater decrease in felony petitions from 2019 - 2021 in JDAI site counties vs non-JDAI site counties
 - Overrepresentation of Black and Native American youth 2017 - 2021
- JDAI specific data - 2020
 - Brookings County has the lowest average daily population (ADP) of youth in secure detention
 - 2020 was a high year for Davison County
 - JDAI counties vary in demographics and population size which will influence data points
- How often is the RAI being overridden?
 - 2018 - 2021 shows a reduction in overrides which means that the RAI is being used appropriately

➤ **Casey Foundation Grant Application**

- UJS seeks the approval of Steering Committee to move forward with grant application
- Tribal-State JDAI Model
 - Spurred by Bennett County to create a relationship with the Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - Crow Creek reached out requesting technical assistance for Diversion

- Assistance needs to be led by Native American professionals to provide culturally competent services
- This will allow tribes to travel and hold meetings to start JDAI
- Requesting an estimated \$50,000 to support the implementation of this model
- Committee will be updated as the process continues
- Training will be open to committee for implementation of tribal-state model

➤ **The Council for Juvenile Service's goals for this year**

- Council will send out grant proposal applications to the tribes
 - Specific to Diversion expansion - may look however tribe would like it to look
- Meetings will take place to discuss grant options and technical support for the tribe
- JDAI Expansion
 - Hughes County is working to become next JDAI site in conjunction with Stanley County
 - Next week will be meeting for formal approval for site
 - Bennett County may be targeted for application in conjunction with Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - Will be at 9 sites
 - Looking at potential for Clay and Moody Counties
- Court Resource Homes
 - A few counties may pilot this program and turn to county reimbursement

➤ **Coordinator Updates**

- Kelsi - Brown County
 - ADP trend has remained steady
 - Felony petitions are much lower than misdemeanors
 - Juvenile prosecutor turnover from 2018 -2021
 - 29% decrease of detention admissions
 - Alternatives to detention
 - Home detention
 - Electronic monitoring
 - Shelter care
 - Reception Center - near future
 - Evening Reporting Center - near future
 - Probationers are sitting in detention to get through 90 days of probation
 - Increases average length of stay in detention
 - Victim - offender mediation
 - Assists in healing process for both parties

- Coordinator position will be moving in to County Employee position by July 2022 due to termination of grant cycle
 - 93% success rate for Diversion
 - Conversations regard Child Advocate to help kids through Juvenile Court System
- Liz - Pennington County
 - Monthly Multi-Agency Juvenile Meeting
 - Stakeholders discuss updates and trends, providing opportunity to collaborate
 - 2018 - 2021 shows decrease by 40% of detention population
 - Increase of population in Diversion program
 - Additional programming such as I. Am. Legacy work with kids before they get into the system
 - Felony petitions have increase since 2018
 - Court ordered petitions to detention centers have decreased since 2018
- Erin - Minnehaha County
 - Detention numbers have stayed consistent
 - Probation and DOC have gone down
 - Truancy
 - Different process and programs are being discussed
 - Bush Grant will be applied for to assist in funding
 - Data-Use agreements for juvenile justice data
 - Finalizing JDAI facility inspection report
- Katie - Davison County
 - Conditional Release and Evening Reporting Center allow for low detention population
 - Conditional Release has saved county nearly 130,000
 - New program starting for youth - Healing Hearts Haven
 - Yoga, art therapy, mindfulness, cooking, sensory play
 - 94% Diversion success rate
 - County will pick up Coordinator position in July 2022
 - Providing alternatives for Native youth - goal for 2022
- Louis - Codington County
 - Transitioning between coordinators
 - 62 active cases
 - County has decided to pick up Coordinator position
 - Diversion kids stay in Boys and Girls Club Programs due to relationships with the staff
- Alec - Yankton County
 - October 26 - program was court approved
 - Discussing with stakeholders regarding conditional release
 - 4 - tier system for Truancy Diversion
 - System assessment coming up in January
- Karlee - Brookings County

- Coordinator and state attorney collaboration has bolstered Diversion
- Working out of the Boys and Girls Club provides in house Evening Reporting Center
- Attendance program with high school and middle school
- Conditional Release has been successful so far
- Need of additional mental health resources
 - Full time position for in house mental health therapist is being discussed
- District has approached Boys and Girls Club about partnering to start and alternative school - goal for next year

➤ **Conclusion and Closing Remarks**

- Cindy Heiberger adjourned meeting